

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring now to FIG. 1, a system 10 that is an electronic market for the quotation and trading of securities such as equities, bonds, and the like is shown. An example of such a system is The Nasdaq Stock Market®. The system 10 includes a workstation 12 14 that includes a computer readable medium 12a for quote processing on the workstation (FIG. 3) or a market maker developed software connection, via an API 12' (application program interface) that are at market maker's facilities. The workstation 12 or API 12' are used *inter alia* to enter and display quote information and trade information and facilitate entry of orders and receipt of execution of orders for the market maker's proprietary account. The workstation 12 or API 12' (through a host computer system 17) are coupled to a service delivery platform server 14 that includes a computer readable medium 14a for quote processing on the server (FIG. 3). Thus, while the workstation 12 can be directly coupled to the service delivery platform server 14, the API 12' is executed on the computer system host 17 that is coupled to the service delivery platform server 14. Thus, there are two separate device options for entering quote information for a proprietary account.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

The system 10 includes another device 13 that includes a computer readable medium 14a for quote processing on the workstation (FIG. 3) in the market maker's facility that is assigned for inputting agency quotes. Alternatively, the market maker can have an agency API 13' coupled to the host 17. The agency entry workstation 13 or agency API 13' are used to enter agency quotes, as will be described below. The same service delivery platform server 14 can process both agency and proprietary quotes. The service delivery platform server 14 is directly connected into a network 16 that feeds information from and to market maker firms via market maker devices, i.e., workstations 12, 13 or API's 12", 13." The service delivery platform server

14 acts as a data concentrator where the system 10 can take data from, e.g., eight devices and transmit that data up to hosts 18. The service delivery platform server 14 is the interface between the market's host computer systems 18 in which trades are captured and disseminated, and the market maker's workstations 12 or API's 12'. The data are transmitted from the service delivery platform server 14, via the network 16, to the host computers 18.